

RPA Board Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, January 19, 2011

Present:: Tom Fortunato, Frank Tritto, Rick Kase, Bob Kingston, Chuck Schultz, Ray Stone
Guests: Mary Iman

- Copies of the Constitution Committee's new constitution draft were reviewed by Board members. These will be studied by Board members further to compare it with the current version. The draft and current version will be sent to all online members by Tom for their review as well before the February 10 RPA meeting when this will be discussed with the membership. A final revision will come from results of that meeting and then be presented to the Board for final approval. A copy of the current constitution and final version will be sent to members by mail or electronically along with a paper ballot for officer elections with the constitution proposal by May.
- The Board agreed to a proposal for the RPA to participate with members of the Casey Jones Railroad Unit of the ATA in an "Owney Event" at the New York Museum of Transportation (<http://www.nymtmuseum.org>) located at 6393 East River Road in Rush. It is tentatively planned for the Sunday after the stamp's July 27 release, on July 31. Specifics are pending.
- Plans for the RPA banquet are now finalized. The buffet dinner is at Keenan's Restaurant in Irondequoit on Thursday, March 24 and features entrees of carved roast beef, chicken parmesan, and tri-colored tortellini Alfredo along with all the trimmings. Cocktails at 6 PM, dinner at 6:30. Total cost per person is \$23, but the club will subsidize \$10 per member attending to reduce it to \$13. Reservations will be taken on a first-come basis with a maximum of 36 attendees. Ray Stone is coordinating the banquet. Life member honorees will have their meals paid for by the club.
- The club will host a live auction on Thursday, May 26's meeting. Members may bring a maximum of 5 lots each setting their own minimums. Items from the club's library and other philatelic holdings will also be offered. Ten percent of any non-donation hammered price will go to the club's treasury. Members of other area stamp clubs and the public will be welcome to join us.